Minutes of the Graduate Faculty Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Members (12): Keat Ghee Ong (Biomed), Craig Friedrich (MEEM), Zhenlin Wang (CompSci), Greg Waite (Geo), Kari Henquinet (PCorps), Bill Yarroch (CogSci), Erika Hersch-Green (BioSci), Judith Perlinger (Atmos), Ashutosh Tiwari (Chem), Eugene Levin (SOT), Audrey Mayer (SocSci), Mike Bowler (Rhet)

Guests (6): Jacqueline Huntoon (Grad Sch), Debra Charlesworth (Grad Sch), Nancy Byers-Sprague (Grad Sch), Kevin Cassell (GSG), Sarah Lucchesi (Lib), Heather Suokas (Grad Sch)

1) Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm.

2) Review and approval of 03/02/13 meeting minutes.

3) Old Business:
   a. Proposal to Modify (revenue-neutral modification) Research Only Mode (Dean Huntoon): This was brought to the Executive Team. No feedback was given. The new Graduate Student Government President, Amberlee Haselhuhn has been working with Peter Moran on this proposal. She reported that this may need to be tailored to individual departments, rather than imposed campus wide. Dean Huntoon will follow up with Peter Moran to discuss the following options: 1. 6 credit research-only mode and 3 credit full price (course) tuition. 2. 9 credit research only mode with the allowance to take a 2 credit class each semester.
   b. Proposal for Determining When International Students Need ESL Services (Dean Huntoon): The following questions need to be addressed: 1. How will the students be evaluated (TOEFL or other? E.g., University of Illinois)? 2. Who will provide funding for the evaluation? 3. Who will conduct it? 4. What are the consequences if the student decides not to be evaluated? 5. Who will provide the needed services? 6. Who will pay? 7. What are the consequences if services are not available/affordable?

4) New Business:
   a. Online Research Integrity Training Program (M. Bowler): This summer during Track B, M. Bowler will be teaching an online research integrity training course. The course consists of three, 4-hour workshops that will introduce students to the principles, practices, and regulations of responsible conduct of research. This is a one credit, pass/fail course.
   b. Accelerated Master’s Recruiting, Including Research Scholars Model (Dean Huntoon): Undergraduate recruiters are using our accelerated master’s programs as a selling point. Prospective students and parents are interested in these types of programs. This item will be revisited at the next Graduate Faculty Council meeting in September 2013.
   c. Coursework vs. Research Accelerated Master’s (Dean Huntoon): This item will be revisited at the next Graduate Faculty Council meeting in September 2013.
   d. Banner Coding of Master’s Students (Dean Huntoon): This item will be revisited at the next Graduate Faculty Council meeting in September 2013.

5) Motion to adjourn at 4:56 pm.